



# The Historical Society Chronicle

## August 2023

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### Trivia Corner

Can you guess what this is?  
Used on the farm.



**Answer at bottom of newsletter.**

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### Village Happenings

August was full of activities. The Village continues to be open for FREE public tours each Saturday and Sunday from 1PM – 5PM.

**History Summer Camp** - The first week of August the Village hosted a History Summer Camp. It ran from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM daily, from July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>. The camp was sponsored by the Hilliard Recreation and Parks. The children attending the weeklong camp ranged in age from 6 to 11 years old. The Village provided a daily activity involving the children that included a village scavenger hunt, butter making, hand craft card making, calligraphy writing, a quilting demonstration and a soap making talk. Each activity was followed by a guided tour of one of our Village buildings with a short history lesson about Hilliard. We worked in conjunction with counselors from Rec & Parks who provided activities and educational opportunities throughout each day. Our volunteers enjoyed the opportunity to help with this event.



**Food Truck Festival** – the Historical Village participated in the food truck festival held at the fairgrounds August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> . We provided games for the kids, free tours for families, wool spinning demonstrations, butter making and a scavenger hunt each day.

### **Election Dinner Meeting**

**Annual Election Dinner** - Our annual election of officers and board members was held August 16<sup>th</sup> at a dinner meeting at the Hilliard Safety Services building. The event drew our largest membership attendance so far.



**Presentation** - Our guest speaker at our annual election dinner meeting was Ashleigh Minor. She presented an abbreviated talk about the research she has done into a Hilliard murder and attempted suicide from the 1920's.



**Ashleigh Minor**

Her research shows that estranged husband Thayer Eckert shot and killed his wife Ruth Davis at what is now Gun World in downtown Hilliard in 1921. He then turned the gun on himself to commit suicide but failed. He died later from complications from his wound.

If you would like to hear the complete story, it will be presented in its entirety on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Hilliard Public Library.

**Elections** – Each year three board members drop off the HOHS board and three new members are elected to serve a three-year term. The Board Members elected to a three-year term were Megan Martin, Joann Hensley and Ann Richards.

The officer positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer are elected each year. Your HOHS officers elected for the fiscal year 2023 – 2024 are:



President  
Bob Eggerichs



Vice President  
Dawn Steele

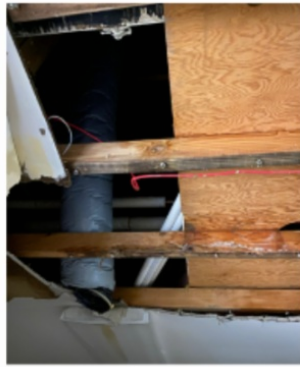


Secretary  
Stephanie Ledwith



Treasurer  
Rod Garnett

**New leak** – Shortly after the roofs of the school and museum were replaced, we had a rainstorm. The day after the rain, a ceiling leak was discovered in the museum west wing men’s bathroom. The assumption that it was a roof leak turned out to be incorrect. After further inspection, the leak turned out to be coming from a pipe joint located in the ceiling that coincidentally started leaking the day after the rain – what are the chances! The pipe leak has been repaired and the damaged ceiling has been removed. The next step will be to replace the bathroom ceiling – it’s always something!



**New gutter guards** - The school and the museum roof replacements are complete, Gutter guards have been added to the school to keep the leaves from the overhanging trees from clogging the downspouts.



## Venue Rental

If a wedding or reception is in your future, please keep our Venues in mind. We have the Colwell chapel for weddings, the Norwich pavilion for receptions, graduation parties, reunions and more. Our gazebo at the Village is great for music and we have the SBC pavilion for smaller parties. To learn more, go to our website [HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety.com](http://HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety.com), click on the menu, then click on Venues.

## Archival Library

Got a question for our Archival Library? They are open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10:00AM to 1:30PM or call 614-876-5880 with your questions. You may also contact them by email at [HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety@gmail.com](mailto:HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety@gmail.com).

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## Profiles in Stewardship



**Rod Garnett**

Hilliard's former police chief started his eighth year as treasurer of the Hilliard Ohio Historical Society this month. Rod Garnett wasn't yet a member when board member Tim Woodruff recruited him for the position

in 2015. “I’ve known Tim for a long time and he asked me to do it,” said Rod.

His interest in history leans more toward the Civil War than that of Hilliard in the late 1800s/early 1900s, but his background includes extensive experience and education in finance.

[Read More about Rod](#)

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## Local Business Spotlight



### Whit's Frozen Custard

A shop that offers some of the smoothest, creamiest, frozen treats in all of Hilliard is a stone's throw away from the society's caboose.

Whit's Frozen Custard, 4138 Main St., has been a good neighbor by providing coupons for give-away at society events and also by posting event fliers at the store.

[Read More](#)

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## Membership Renewal Time

It is membership renewal time again! If you have an annual membership please renew by October 1, 2023. Visit our website at <https://www.hilliardohiohistoricalsociety.com> and select "Get Involved". The click on "Memberships". Scroll down the page to renew online or to print a membership form to mail your payment. Your support of the Hilliard Historical Society is valued and appreciated.

If you have any questions about your renewal date you can check your membership card or email Stephanie Ledwith at [stephanie.ledwith.hohs@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.ledwith.hohs@gmail.com) and she will check your renewal date."

Thank you for your continued support.

## Gift Shop (at the Village)

Our gift shop at the Historical Village in the museum is open Saturday's & Sunday's 1PM to 5PM. We have several items related to Hilliard.



## Country Store- (on our website)

We have a variety of greeting cards and other printed materials available. Please go to our website at [HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety.com](http://HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety.com), click on "Visit" in our menu then select "Country Store" to see the selection and prices.



## Upcoming Events

**During the months of May through October the Historical Village is open every Saturday & Sunday, 1PM to 5PM.** You are invited to bring the family and enjoy a FREE tour of all the buildings, especially our museum with hundreds of artifacts.

**Sept Walking Tour of Old Hilliard** - Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 AM, The tour starts at the Historical Society Library, 5274 Norwich St. Fee is \$10 per person.

**Heritage Day & Craft Show** - Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM – 4 PM. The historical village will host Civil War reenactors, artisans, craftsmen, village tours, bean soup prepared in a cast iron kettle on the village green along with other food and drink. FREE admission (donations welcome)

**Oct Haunted Village** – Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 6PM – 9PM & Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 6PM – 9PM at the Historical Village in Weaver Park. A family friendly, slight fright event that features a Village full of ghostly attractions! Admission: \$5 per person, Kids 3 and under are FREE.

**Dec Santa In The Train Station** - Sunday, December 10th, 2 PM - 5 PM, at the Historical Village train station. Children can share their Christmas list with Santa and Mrs. Claus, horse drawn wagon rides, music in the chapel and hot chocolate & donuts available, FREE admission (donations welcome).

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**Trivia Corner Answer:**

**Calf Weaner**





**Vintage Calf Weaner** – designed to clamp on a calf's nose to keep it from nursing from the mother cow. Many weaners had sharp points that would poke the cow's udder and the cow would kick the young calf away so when the calf was hungry it would have to start eating grass rather than feeding just on the mother's milk.

Modern plastics have offered a replacement for the original metal version at a lower cost.



Click on this link to see a video on how a plastic calf weaner is used:  
[https://youtu.be/qNUYgwP6\\_xE](https://youtu.be/qNUYgwP6_xE)



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